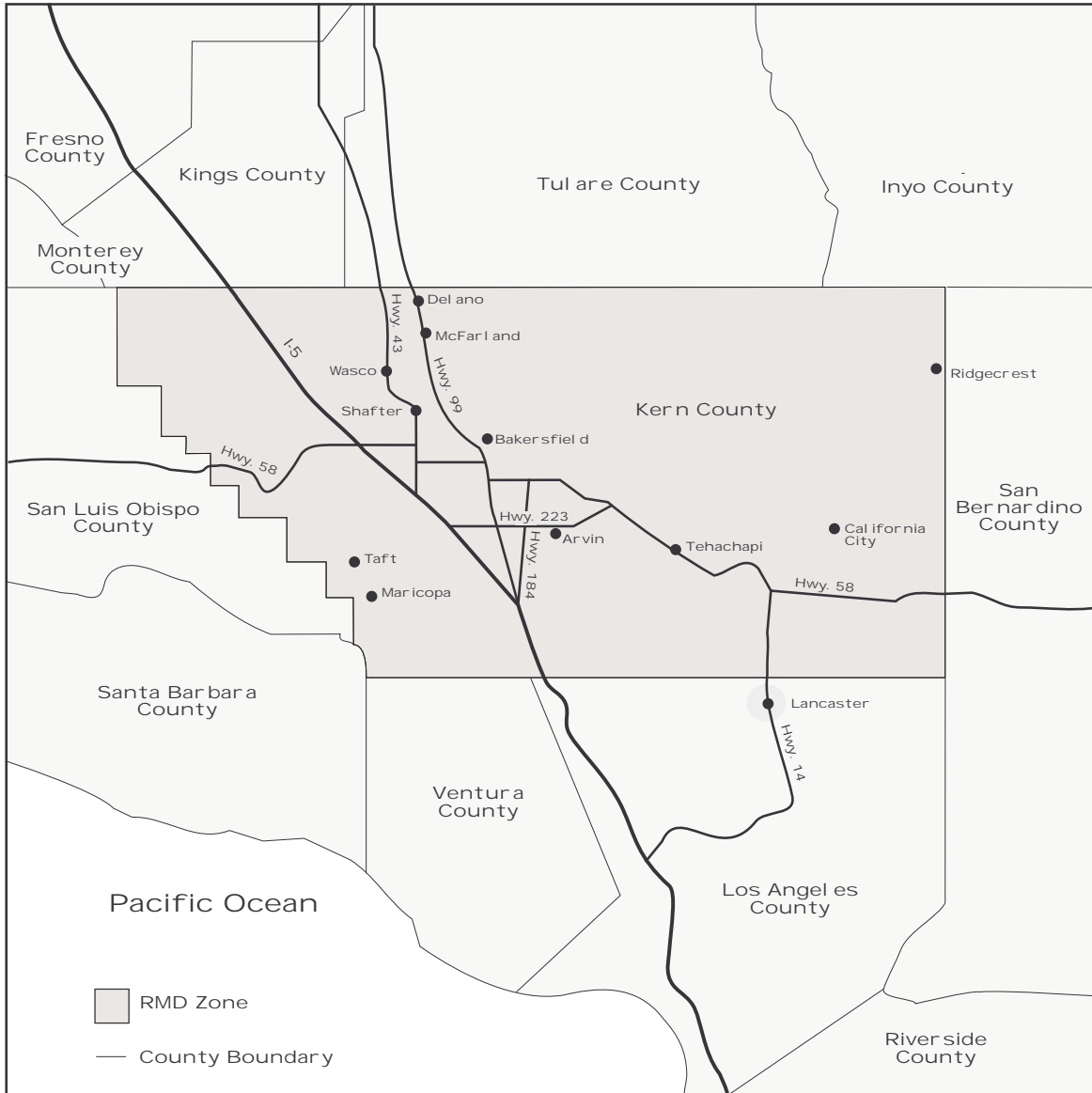




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KERN COUNTY/ LANCASTER RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



ZONE INFORMATION

The 8,126-acre Kern County/Lancaster Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) includes the cities of Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Lancaster, Maricopa, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco, the unincorporated areas of Kern County, and the City of Lancaster in Los Angeles County. Kern County, the nation's third most productive agricultural county, is located in the southern central portion of California.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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TARGET MATERIALS

Local officials and businesses are interested in using innovative recycling technologies to collect, process, and manufacture products from secondary materials such as inert solids, organics, yard waste, paper, plastics, metals, and glass.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The infrastructure system in Kern County is well suited to meet the needs of the zone. Kern county has fully developed systems of air passenger and freight service, common carrier and charter bus service, and rail passenger and freight service. It is anticipated that the zone businesses will receive feedstock and deliver finished products through a number of freeways, including Interstate 5, U.S. Highway 395, and State Highways 58, 99, and 14. The targeted areas within the zone are sites for existing or planned industrial/business parks. Local streets and utility systems will be adequate for businesses seeking to expand or start operations within the zone.

INCENTIVES

A full range of incentives and assistance will be provided to any qualifying company within the zone. Included are permit streamlining; reductions of waivers of selected development fees; Kern Small Business Loan Fund; State Enterprise Zone Loan; U.S. Small Business Administration Loan; Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund; U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works Grants; and State of California Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Grants/Low-interest Loans.

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